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DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF

LILACS

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THE following list contains some of the very best older varieties and some of the finest newer varieties recently introduced. Many of them are only to be found in private collections.

The varieties marked * belong to the "Early Lilacs," a cross between an early flowering Lilac and Syringa Giraldi; this latter Lilac has been recently introduced from China, and is remarkable for its flowering a week or two before the other sorts. This cross originated a new race of tall growing Lilacs, which expand their flowers before those now known.

Our Lilacs are budded or grafted very low on Privet; after transplanting such Lilacs and placing the union 4 to 5 inches below the surface of the ground they will quickly get on their own roots.

If the Privet stock should sucker, anybody can readily detect the sucker and remove it.

Grafting or budding on Lilacs is highly undesirable because the Lilac stocks are sure to sucker freely.

A very interesting article about Lilacs appeared in the Florists' Exchange of September 22, 1923, by Mr. John Dunbar, Superintendent of Highland Park, Rochester, the great Lilac authority. Much of the above is taken from that article.

Descriptive List of Lilacs

For varieties available, see our latest circular

- * **Berryer.** Semi-double; long thyrses of clear mauve flowers.
 - * **Buffon.** Single; elegant cluster of flowers with reflexed lobes, mauve pink.
 - Capitaine Baltet.** Single; huge panicles of very large flowers of a warm violet lilac shade; very handsome.
 - Cavour.** Single; slate blue, large upright clusters.
 - Charles X.** Single; fine clusters of lilac flowers, slightly violet, very free.
 - Charles Joly.** Double; dark violet purple, silvery reverse.
 - * **Claude Bernard.** Semi-double; bright mauve lilac.
 - De Miribel.** Single; large trusses of bluish violet flowers, very dark.
 - * **Descartes.** Single; pinkish mauve, exceedingly free flowering.
 - Diderot.** Single; rich claret-violet, enormous panicles; very free flowering.
 - Edith Cavell.** Double; bold handsome clusters, pure white, buds suffused cream white.
 - Edouard Andre.** Double; clear rose or nearly pink; one of the best of this color.
 - Emile Gentil.** Double; large imbricated flowers, bright cobalt-blue, a very rare shade.
 - Hugo Koster.** Single; lilac with reddish tinge.
 - Jan van Tol.** Single; purest of all whites, very large, immense trusses, very free flowering.
 - Jean Mace.** Double; very large clusters, bluish mauve, a most distinct variety; very free.
 - Katharina Havemyer.** Double; cobalt blue, flushed mauve, enormous flowers of the most perfect shape with broad imbricated lobes; one of the handsomest lilacs.
 - * **Lamartine.** Single; rosy mauve, large clusters.
 - Leon Gambetta.** Double; pinkish lilac, enormous trusses, very beautiful; early.
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- * **Louvois.** Single; purplish violet with bluish shades, voluminous clusters of large flowers.
- Mme. Casimier Perier.** Double; white, very free.
- Mme. Lemoine.** Double; very large white flowers.
- Marie Legraye.** Single; pure white, very free.
- Marechal Lannes.** Semi-double; bluish violet, very large individual flowers.
- Maurice Barres.** Single, pale azure-lilac, large.
- Michael Buchner.** Double, pale lilac.
- * **Mirabeau.** Single; lilac mauve to rosy lavender, the earliest of all.
- Miss Ellen Willmott.** Double; large clusters of imbricated, snow-white flowers of perfect form.
- Montaigne.** Double; pinkish mauve, very large.
- Mont-Blanc.** Single; large panicles of enormous pure white flowers, the most beautiful of all the double whites.
- Mrs. Edward Harding.** Double; bright carmine; big panicles of large, full flowers. This variety was awarded in 1921 the special prize founded by Mrs. Edward Harding for the best double red lilac.
- * **Pascal.** Single; typical lilac, very free.
- Paul Thirion.** Double; broad, obtuse panicles of regular flowers, rosy lavender, tinged claret.
- President Faillieres.** Double, pale lavender, very large clusters.
- President Grevy.** Double; blue, one of the best in this color; fine, large trusses.
- President Lincoln.** Single; the best single blue.
- Reaumur.** Single; violet carmine and satiny rose, a very beautiful variety.
- Souvenir de Louis Spath.** Single; large, purplish violet flowers; a splendid variety.
- * **Vauban.** Double; tender mauve.
- Vestale.** Single; pure white, perfectly shaped.
- Waldeck-Rousseau.** Double; deep violet, long trusses.
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Classification of Lilacs

Under Colors

In the different lists, describing Lilacs, there is a very great confusion in the description of the colors of several varieties.

We have divided the Lilacs we grow in seven groups of colors, as shown below, and grow a couple of single and double varieties of each group; we grow the very choicest.

WHITE

<i>Single</i>	<i>Double</i>
Jan van Tol	Edith Cavell
Mont-Blanc	Madame Cas. Perier
Marie Legraye	Madame Lemoine
Vestale	Miss Ellen Willmott

PINK SHADES

*Buffon	Edouard Andre
*Descartes	Leon Gambetta
*Lamartine	Paul Thirion

RED SHADES

Diderot	Mrs. Edward Harding
Reaumur	

BLUE SHADES

Cavour	Emile Gentil
President Lincoln	Jean Mace
	Katharine Havemeyer
	President Grevy

LIGHT LILAC

*Mirabeau	*Berryer
Maurice Barres	President Faillieres
	*Vauban

LILAC

Charles X	*Claude Bernard
Hugo Koster	Michael Buchner
*Pascal	Montaigne

VIOLET SHADES

Capitaine Baltet	Charles Joly
De Miribel	Marechal Lannes
*Louvois	Waldeck-Rousseau
Souvr. de L. Spath	
